

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

RENEE MAZER,

Plaintiff, :  
: :  
v. : CIVIL ACTION  
: :  
LYNNE GOLD-BIKIN; : No. 11-6816  
CHRISTOPHER BEDALI; :  
WEBER, GALLAGHER, SIMPSON, :  
STAPLETON, FIRES & NEWBY, LLP; :  
INTERSTATE CREDIT & COLLECTION; :  
and JOHN DOES 1-10, :  
Defendants.

**SCHEDULING ORDER**

AND NOW, this 9TH day April, 2012,

**IT IS ORDERED** as follows, applicable only to Plaintiff Renee Mazer's cause of action against Defendants Interstate Credit & Collection and John Does 1-10:

1. Pretrial timetable:

- All discovery shall be completed by July 27, 2012.
- Plaintiff's expert reports due June 29, 2012; Defendants' reports due July 13, 2012; depositions of all experts to be completed by: July 26, 2012.
- Dispositive motions due August 10, 2012.
- Pre-trial hearing, such as Daubert, will be scheduled if needed.
- After all dispositive motions have been decided or when no dispositive motions have been filed and the time for filing dispositive motions has elapsed, the parties will be given notice of a trial date, a Final Pre-Trial Conference, and deadlines for pretrial filings.

2. Unless the parties agree to another form of ADR, United States Magistrate Judge David Strawbridge will be in touch with you regarding settlement. Judge David Strawbridge require that lead counsel and parties with full settlement authority attend the conference.

3. With the exception of employment discrimination cases and cases in which the plaintiff is pro se, I prefer that a party moving for summary judgment under F.R.C.P. 56 follow the

instructions set forth in **Attachment A**. The parties in employment discrimination cases and cases in which the plaintiff is pro se should file traditional summary judgment motions. For those following the instructions set forth in Attachment A, all responses and replies to summary judgment motions shall contain a statement of undisputed and disputed facts. For those using the traditional summary judgment procedure, all summary judgment motions and responses shall contain a statement of undisputed and disputed facts. For me to consider any filing made in conjunction with a motion for summary judgment, all references to affidavits, depositions, documents or other evidence must cite specifically to the exhibit, page and line number.

3. In a jury trial, each party shall submit with the pretrial memoranda:

- (a) a trial memorandum on the legal issues in the case,
- (b) proposed voir dire questions (**limited to 15 questions**),
- (c) proposed jury instructions (one point per page). Failure to submit proposed jury instructions may result in the forfeiture of a right to object to omissions in the jury charge, and
- (d) proposed jury verdict sheet and special interrogatories.

In addition to the items above, in non-jury cases, each party shall file:

- (e) a trial memorandum on the legal issues in the case and
- (f) proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law.

4. In preparation for the final pretrial conference, counsel are expected to communicate with each other on the following matters in an effort to reach agreement. At the final pre-trial conference, counsel must be prepared to present a report on the following matters:

- (a) agreed to and disputed facts;
- (b) objections to any proposed witnesses;
- (c) objections to any proposed exhibits (including objections to genuineness and authenticity);
- (d) objections to any depositions to be read at trial;
- (e) disputed legal issues;
- (f) amendments to pleadings;

- (g) stipulated to and disputed points for charge;
- (h) verdict sheet and special interrogatories; and
- (i) number of days required for trial.

**5. If you fail to object to proposed voir dire questions, exhibits or witnesses prior to trial, then you have waived any objection.**

6. Three copies of the schedules of exhibits and, if practicable, two copies of the exhibits themselves shall be prepared for my use at trial.

7. **REMINDER:** All official filings submitted to the Clerk of Court must be filed by the attorney directly on to ECF. Counsel must submit to chambers **TWO** courtesy copies of **all** papers filed with the clerk. The submissions to chambers must be in hard copy with a copy of the ECF docket entry number on the first page. Double-sided copies are encouraged to save paper. **Note:** This requirement also applies in ECF cases.

8. Your case has been assigned to:

- Law Clerk Maya Sosnov, maya\_sosnov@paed.uscourts.gov  
 Law Clerk Adam G. Yoffie, adam\_g\_yoffie@paed.uscourts.gov  
 Law Clerk John C. Eason, john\_c\_eason@paed.uscourts.gov

9. Counsel are reminded that all submissions given directly to Judge Brody in the courtroom or chambers must also be filed by counsel on to ECF.

10. Judge Brody's Policies and Procedures can be accessed via the U.S. District Court's website at **www.paed.uscourts.gov**.

11. Throughout the course of the litigation, counsel shall provide the courtroom deputy clerk, Jim Scheidt, with current telephone and FAX numbers(s).

s/Anita B. Brody

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Anita B. Brody, J.

Chambers Fax: 215-580-2356

**XC: Magistrate David R. Strawbridge**

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## Attachment A

### PREFERRED PROCEDURE

#### Brody Instructions on Summary Judgment for those moving under Rule 56(b)<sup>1</sup>

Rule 56(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides that:

“A party against whom a claim, counterclaim, or cross-claim is asserted or a declaratory judgment is sought may, at any time, move with or without supporting affidavits for a summary judgment in the party’s favor as to all or any part thereof.”

- This Preferred Procedure is applicable to a defendant or other party with respect to one or more issues as to which that party does not have the burden of proof.
- A party referred to in Rule 56(b) and moving under Rule 56(b) may move without reference to supporting affidavits or other evidence and, in doing so, the party making the motion shall:
  - (1) identify in outline form the issue(s) and/or sub-issue(s) as to which the Motion is directed, for example, referring to the pleadings;
  - (2) affirm, on the basis prescribed in Rule 11, that there is no legally sufficient evidentiary basis to support the issues so identified; and
  - (3) request judgment as provided in Rule 56(c).
- The party against whom the Motion for Summary Judgment is addressed shall file a Response not later than 20 days after the Motion for Summary Judgment is received. The Response must include a statement of undisputed and disputed facts. The Response, subject to the provisions of Rule 56(e) and (f), must be supported with affidavits, depositions, documents or other evidence permitted by those provisions. Where applicable, references to such evidence must include **specific** citations to exhibit, page, and line number.
- The movant shall file a Reply as permitted by Rule 56(e) and (f). Such a Reply must be filed not later than 10 days after the Response is received. The Reply must state the undisputed facts, address the disputed facts, and **specify** the relevant exhibit, page, and line numbers when referring to the record.

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<sup>1</sup>THE PARTIES SHOULD NOT USE THIS PREFERRED PROCEDURE IN EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION CASES OR IN CASES IN WHICH THE PLAINTIFF IS PRO SE.

- The party against whom the Motion for Summary Judgment is directed may, within 10 days after the Reply is received, file a Sur-reply to the Reply. The Sur-reply must **specify** the relevant exhibit, page, and line numbers when referring to the record.

*The purpose of these Instructions is to encourage the parties in their dispositive motion to track the natural order of trial where the plaintiff sets forth its case and the defendant then responds.*